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**From:** Yelensky, Erica  
**Sent:** Mon 10/16/2017 7:38:52 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder for Weekly, External Events, and Rolling 90-day Issues Calendar by COB tomorrow 10/17

Hi Sam,

Here's one for the governing board meeting this Thursday.

Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program	October 19, 2017	Santa Monica, CA	Santa Monica WTR First of several workshops focused on gathering input for revising the Santa Monica Bay NE's Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan
		Bay National Estuary Program Governing Board Meeting	

**From:** Ziegler, Sam  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2017 12:11 PM  
**To:** R9-WTR22 <R9-WTR22@epa.gov>; Keydel, Susan <Keydel.Susan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Reminder for Weekly, External Events, and Rolling 90-day Issues Calendar by COB tomorrow 10/17

Please email me 1) Weekly items, 2) external events through **November**, and 3) check for updates to the Rolling 90-day issue calendar, or let me know you won't have any, by COB Tuesday 10/ 17.

1. The Weekly consists of the following categories:

- *Upcoming Hot Issues and Important Deadlines [Emphasis on Urgent]*
- *Upcoming Major Public Events*

- *Past week accomplishments*

Please try to include items two weeks in advance. In addition, include relevant dates for the items submitted, along with POCs.

2. External events should only include meetings that are open to the public at which EPA has a presenting role. We are reporting the following:

- Name of Event
- Date
- Location
- A short description of the event (no more than 2 sentences)

(note: names and number of EPA participants not required)

For reference, here is the current list of upcoming meetings:

Tribal Wetlands Workshop	10/24/2026	Albuquerque, NM	workshop	WTRWorkshop for tribes in the Arid Southwest, with participation from Regions 6, 8 and 9. The workshop will cover topics such as how to manage a wetland program, wetland assessments, and wetland delineation. Let me know if you need any more info.
Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) and EPA/Tribal Annual Conference	10/30-11/2/2017	Viejas, CA	Conference	WTRMeeting and Conference for EPA and tribes in R9 to discuss key issues and topics of interest. In addition, the Region will participate in a 3 day conference where various presentations will be given by both EPA staff and Tribal Staff about EPA programs. EPA R9 Division Directors are also scheduled to lead individual sessions to offer direct conversation with interested tribal partners.
Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program & Loyola Marymount Research Collaborative Ribbon Cutting	11/9/2017	Santa Monica, CA	Ribbon Cutting	WTRActing Regional Administrator, Alexis Strauss will be the keynote speaker at a ribbon cutting for a research institute formed by the Santa Monica Estuary Program and Loyola Marymount University for Santa Monica Bay. EPA funds the NEP approximately \$600,00 each year (\$625,000 in FY17).

3. 90-Day Rolling Issue Calendar (attached)

Thanks,

## **WEEKLY REPORT**

### **Region 9**

#### **Environmental Protection Agency**

**Week Ending October 13, 2017**

#### **Water Division**

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#### **Upcoming Hot Issues and Important Deadlines**

**Reducing Transboundary Wastewater Flows:** On 10/17, we will convene federal, state, local, and elected officials to discuss progress in reducing transboundary sewage flows in the Tijuana and New River watersheds per action items from our April meeting. The Acting Regional Administrator will lead the meeting and will include representatives from CalEPA, Regional Water Boards 7 and 9, the International Boundary and Water Commission, NADBank, Customs and Border Protection, and the State Department, along with local, state, and federal elected officials. (Liden; 619-235-4763)

**Public Notice of Draft UIC Permit for AZ Copper Mining Project:** On 10/25, we will public notice the Draft Class III In-situ Permit for the Gunnison Project in Cochise County, Arizona. The notice includes a proposed aquifer exemption and permit that covers a 92-acre wellfield with approximately 1,400 Class III injection and recovery wells. This action would allow Excelsior Mining Arizona, Inc. to perform copper mining operations extending over 23 years in 3 stages. (Rumrill, 2-3293)

#### **Upcoming Public Meetings**

**Supporting Tribal Wetland Program Capacity:** On 10/24, we will co-host a wetlands program capacity building workshop with Regions 6 and 8 for tribes in the arid southwest. The workshop will cover topics such as how to manage a wetland program, wetland assessments, and wetland delineation, and encourage the formation of intertribal wetland workgroups to provide each other with technical assistance. (Rosetti, 2-3070)

### **Past Week Accomplishments**

**Drinking Water Regulatory Update for South Bay Stakeholders:** On 10/11, we provided a drinking water regulatory update for a South San Francisco Bay Aqueduct group, including rule status for perchlorate, lead and copper, and unregulated contaminant monitoring rules. We also provided updates on EPA's work on potable reuse, risk reviews, infrastructure funding and small systems. (MacIer, 2-3569)

**Treatment as a State (TAS) Approvals for Tuolumne and Viejas Tribes:** Applications for TAS were approved for the Tuolumne Band of Mewuk and Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Tribes under Clean Water Act Section 319 (Nonpoint Source Pollution Control). Approval allows these tribes to apply for and conduct activities using CWA 319 funds. (Pinkerton, 2-3662; Maurin, 2-3943)

**Water Division Staff Selected as California Academy of Sciences Fellow:** On 10/10, Dr. Robert Leidy joined a prestigious group of scientists at the Annual Fellows Gathering for the California Academy of Sciences. Fellows are peer-nominated and selected by the Academy's Board for notable contributions to science. Rob was selected for his 34 years of ecology work in the EPA wetlands program, scientific expertise and dedication for conservation of waters in the American West, and research on the ecology and distribution of native freshwater fishes in the San Francisco Bay Area. (Brush, 2-3483)